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SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to heavy increase in traffic, the national highways particularly the road from Chennai to Pondicherry in Tamil Nadu have become congested; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Sir, the total length of National Highways in Tamil Nadu is 4183 kms. Out of these, 1630 kms are being four laned by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under NHDP Phase - I and II, comprising of the Golden Quadrilateral, North South corridor, Port Connectivity and other works. A number of Road Over Bridges (ROB), Grade separators, bypasses and service roads are being constructed, wherever necessary. In addition to this, National Highway stretches aggregating to a length of 1255 kms have been included for 4-laning on BOT basis by NHAI under NHDP Phase III. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for these stretches are in various stages of progress. Further, to decongest traffic on National Highways in and around Chennai city, following works are under implementation by NHAI:-

(i) A special project for providing smooth access to the Chennai traffic to the Golden Quadrilateral by construction of grade separators at Kathipara and Koyembedu Junctions, elevated rotary at Padi Junction, flyover at International Airport, widening to four lanes from Maduravoyal to Ambedkar statue.

(ii) Widening of the 19.17 kms of existing 2-lane of Chennai bypass (Phase I) to 4-lane from Tambaram to Maduravoyal Junction and construction of 13 kms of new 4-lane Chennai bypass (Phase II) from Maduravoyal to Madhavaram Junction.

The National Highways connecting Chennai to Pondicherry are the National Highways No.45 from Chennai to Tindivanam and NH 66 from Tindivanam to Pondicherry. NH 45 between Chennai and Tindivanam has been four laned by NHAI recently. NH 66 from Tindivanam to Pondicherry has been included for four laning under NHDP IIIA and Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this stretch is in progress.